



Visa Branch
U.S. Embassy London
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Documents Required in Support of an H or L Visa Application

You are required to furnish the following in support of your visa application:

- Confirmation page of the online nonimmigrant visa application form DS-160;
- Appointment confirmation page (if relevant)
- A passport or other travel document valid for at least six months beyond your period of stay in the United States with at least one blank page - the six-month requirement does not apply to United Kingdom passports. For other nationalities, please see <http://dld.bz/ah29g> Note: If the passport is damaged, we recommend that you obtain a new passport before applying for the visa to avoid any delay in the processing of your application;
- One 5 x 5 cm (2" by 2") color photograph taken within the last six months – for further information click here and see our [Slideshare presentation](#);
- Evidence of your status in the United Kingdom if not a U.K. or EU passport holder;
- Evidence of previously issued U.S. visas if not contained in the current passport;
- The receipt number of the approved petition – we suggest you furnish a copy of the Notice of Action Form I-797A, B or C. Your application cannot be processed without this; **and**
- If you have ever been [arrested and/or have a criminal conviction](#), have [a medical ineligibility](#), or have been [denied entry into or deported](#) from the United States the documents relating to your situation. Please click on the relevant links for further information.
- If you are a professional or academic in the area of science and technology, please [click here](#) for additional information.

Blanket L-1 Visa Applicants

Blanket L-1 visa applicants are **also** required to furnish the following additional documents when applying for the visa:

- One original and two copies of the form I-129S. This is an abbreviated form of the petition and indicates under which category (manager, executive or specialized knowledge professional) the visa is to be granted. Applicants may also be required to produce evidence of their entitlement to a particular category, such as diplomas, certificates or other proof of their educational background;
- A letter from your employer stating the position and the organization from which you are transferring, the new organization and position to which you are destined, a description of the actual duties and salary under both the new and the former positions, and the dates and locations of previous stays in the United States in "L" status; **and**
- A Fraud Prevention and Detection Fee of \$500.00 and for those who are subject to it, a Border Security Act fee of \$2,250. Please check with your employer to see if the Border Security Act fee applies in your case. The fee(s) will be paid to the Embassy's cashier on the day of the visa interview. Fees may be paid in cash - sterling or dollar equivalent, or by Credit Card - Visa,

MasterCard, Diners Club, Discover or American Express. The Embassy does not accept any other credit or debit cards, or personal checks.

If your application is successful, you should allow approximately **five workdays** for the visa to be processed at the end of which, the passport will be handed to the courier company for delivery. Once the courier company is in receipt of your passport, you will be able to track the delivery by going to <http://usvisa-info.com> and signing-in with your user account id.

Reminder: We always recommend that individuals apply for visas well in advance of their proposed date of travel. No assurances regarding the issuance of visas can be given in advance. Therefore, final travel plans or the purchase of non refundable ticket should not be made until a visa has been issued and you are in receipt of the passport.